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- Absentee Shawnee Tribe
- Little Axe Resource Center
- Little Axe Clinic
- AS Housing Authority
- Shawnee Pharmacy

will be closed on
Monday, February 16th
President's Day

*We support all of our
women and men serving in the
military.*

Tribe breaks ground for new daycare center

Shawnee News Star

After six years of planning, saving and waiting, the Absentee Shawnee Tribe broke ground on an estimated \$1.6 million child development center January 7th, Wednesday afternoon at its headquarters just south of Shawnee.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Gov. Scott Miller said Wednesday all funds for the new center came from a federal grant awarded in 2004 to the tribe by the Child Care and Development Fund, which allocated around \$5 billion last year to help improve and construct new child care centers across the nation.

"The grant allows you operating costs and it allows you to set aside for construction, so that's how we were able to fund it fully through the grant," Miller said.

Miller said the CCDF grant was awarded each year, beginning in 2004, until the funds grew to the point where the tribe could confidently begin construction without dipping into its general fund.

"That's important because that [using money from the general fund] would take away from other programs," Miller explained. "So, this is basically a win-win situation for us because we're not asking for any money from the tribe's tax revenues."

"With the economy the way it is, every dollar is important to us," he added.

The new child care facility, called Building Blocks II, will serve about 80 children - both tribal and non-tribal - and the structure itself will dwarf the tribe's first child care center at 8,000 square feet in size.

After the original Building Blocks Child Development Center opened several years ago, Miller said demand was high



Photo l to r: Representative Alecia Onzahwah, Governor Scott Miller, Building Blocks Assistant Director Donna Campbell, Building Blocks Consultant Reta Pine, Secretary Michelle Lopez and Treasurer Anita Chisholm

for its services. The center, which accommodates roughly 60 children, even had a waiting list.

Set to be completed in August, Miller said the time is right for Building Blocks II to open to the public.

"There was a couple of day cares that closed in the Tecumseh area in the past couple of years, so, of course, demand is going up," he said.

He said a marketing campaign will be launched in the coming months to ensure solid enrollment when the center opens toward the end of the coming summer.

The tribe also plans to break ground on a clinic in Little Axe within the "next 90 days or so," Miller said.

"This is our year," Miller told the audience during the groundbreaking Wednesday. "This is just the beginning. We feel like a lot of things are going to happen for us this year."

FROM THE ELECTION COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Governor
Scott Miller
- George Blanchard
- Anthony David Johnson
- Betty Mahardy Watson

The following prospective candidates have filed for office.

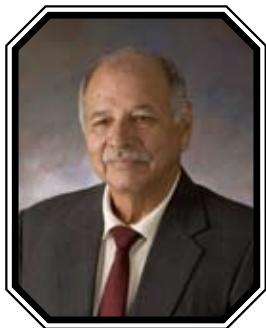
ELECTION COMMITTEE

- Deputy Commissioner
Augustine Johnson
- Commission Member #1
Shirley Adkins

Absentee Ballot request form on page 16
Deadline for Candidates to submit letters and
photos for February newsletter is January 28th.



Scott Miller
Governor



Dan Little Axe Sr.
Lt. Governor



Michelle Lopez
Secretary



Anita Chisholm
Treasurer



Alecia Onzahwah
Representative

JANUARY 2009

Editorial by Governor Scott Miller

Ho! Hi gi ke ya fa ho wa se li si mi mo?

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. 2008 has come to a close with several important issues addressed and projects set to begin in 2009. I am happy to report the tribe will be ending 2008 on a positive note with all the budgets approved for 2009 and this year's audit was complete on time. The department managers and employees also put in a much appreciated effort to keep budget request conservative without interrupting services during the upcoming year. The Finance Department has worked very hard on reconciling the tribe's bank accounts and developing the budgets for 2009. Thanks goes out to all tribal employees for their hard work during 2008.

The Executive Committee has been working hard to further develop projects that began in early 2008. One project that has begun construction as of print of this paper is the new childcare center called Building Blocks 2, at the tribal complex. The new center will be approximately 8000 square feet, which will accommodate approximately 80 children. As construction moves along, we will begin a marketing campaign to recruit licensed teachers and to begin an enrollment waiting list for opening day. Construction for the new center is scheduled to be complete by August 2009. This construction project is funded with our childcare grant we receive through Health and Human Services.

Building Blocks is currently finishing up a renovation project to expand a classroom and install new learning equipment for the children. The center is currently going through realignment with the curriculum and activities being a priority for the children along with team building for the staff. Ms. Rita Pine is working with Building Blocks as a consultant to help implement the curriculum, activities, and team building. She also has a role in the set up of Building Blocks 2 during and after construction. I would like to thank Rita for working with us in the current center and the new center.

Our Joint Venture health clinic will be funded in 2009. The Executive Committee approved moving forward with the funding process, which is guaranteed by the Department of Interior Loan Guarantee Program. This means that 90% of the construction funding will be guaranteed by the Department of the Interior, if there were a default during the repayment process. Several individuals have worked very hard in all aspect of the Joint Venture and I want to thank

them all. The Joint Venture project is one of the bright spots under my administration along with the Building Blocks 2 project. It is anticipated that will break ground on the new clinic in January/February of 2009.

I am proud to share that the Absentee Shawnee Police Department has gone above and beyond to offset budgetary issues by collaborating with the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority. There is a mutual agreement between the Tribe and ASHA to provide law enforcement services beyond what is provided by local law enforcement agencies to tenants under ASHA management. ASPD is also working to be cross deputized with Cleveland County Sheriff's Department. This is a relationship that will be beneficial to both law enforcement agencies and tribal citizen living in the eastern part of Cleveland County. ASPD is opening a satellite office next to the AST Convenience Store in Little Axe. This office will house one officer per shift, who will be dedicated to the Little Axe area.

A major goal for the Executive Committee, during the latter part of 2008, was to change the overall image of our Tribe. The Executive Committee felt one major aspect to changing our image was to better the communication between the Executive Committee members. The result of this change is evident in the accomplishments you see in this very newspaper for the past two months. Another aspect needing changed was the fear employees had during changes in leadership. There are many good employees working for our tribe and they have done what is asked of them without question the past several months. The Executive Committee feels the employees are now more confident and able to do their jobs without fear of losing them.

Choices have been tough this year in regard to meet Tribal citizen needs and increase revenue but due to the ongoing efforts of our dedicated Executive Committee, of which I am honored to be a part. We have seen an increase in gaming revenues to a stable point in today's economy, met budgetary requirements, and saw new forms of services evolve. This creative dynamic shown by the Executive Committee in relation to getting their programs focused has been an amazing and inspiring process to watch as it slowly emerged. In the future I, as your leader, see us productively moving towards additional collaborations with colleges and universities, other Tribal governments, and financial institutions and as needed, the state and federal agencies. I see tomorrow as hopeful and prophetic and I look forward to continuing my efforts to make the Tribe more prosperous and debt free for our children and future generations. I, along with the Executive Committee, feel 2009 is the year for positive things to happen for our Tribe.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR DECEMBER:

- ◆ The Tribe has been awarded an Indian Community Development Block Grant for \$596,000 to build a lagoon system for the Joint Venture.
- ◆ The Tribe approved receiving funding for the Joint Venture and entered into a collaborative agreement with BancFirst.
- ◆ As of this date 65% of the Architect Drawings for the Joint Venture are now complete. Budgets for health, law enforcement, OEH, and Veterans budgets have been approved through resolution.
- ◆ The process of creating a stand alone office of Self-Governance on the campus has been initiated and will jointly maintain the BIA and IHS programs and other legislative, appropriations based, regulatory actions on behalf of the Tribe.
- ◆ Our law enforcement office received final approval to hold a CLEET Reserve Police Academy.
- ◆ Due to the hard work of our law enforcement cross deputation has been achieved and will provide more regulatory opportunities for officers across a larger land base.
- ◆ A health corporation has been approved and will be formed establishing by-laws and establishing its levels of governance over the health department.
- ◆ A library on self-governance has been established by the Governor's office.
- ◆ **All cash accounts have been reconciled and are now updated to the current monthly balance, this includes the investment accounts. This has been a major undertaking for Finance personnel and it's now complete.**
- ◆ The 2007 accounting was completed in 2008 and this has allowed the 2007 audit to be completed on time for the first time in years.
- ◆ Finance has completed four (4) indirect cost proposals this year. The 2006 and 2007 proposals have been approved. The 2008 and 2009 proposals are currently in the final stages of approval by the National Business Center.
- ◆ The 2008 audit has been scheduled to begin in March of 2009.
- ◆ Finance has initiated cross training of staff to ensure multiple areas are covered during absence or possible staffing changes.
- ◆ The Payroll department is continuing to strive in efforts to do clean up on their accounting records.
- ◆ The Controller is current on charging programs for their Indirect Costs thereby bringing in more Indirect Cost funds.
- ◆ The Human Resource and Finance function of the Gaming Commission has successfully been transitioned from Thunderbird to Shawnee.
- ◆ The Executive Committee has initiated a Strategic Planning process which will include staff and community involvement. These meetings will begin Friday, December 30, 2008 and go through May, 2009. This process will be placed on the community agenda.

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Representative's Report

The following items are the current initiatives of the Office of Tribal Representative:

Cultural Preservation Center

Currently, the old finance building is undergoing a 2 to 3 month renovation by the Office of Environmental Protection in order for the Cultural Preservation/Tribal Historic Preservation Department to be located in it. The AST Gift Shop and Tribal Library will be included as it will allow the AST Gift shop to expand merchandise items and provide easier access for potential customers.

By creating a Cultural Preservation Center, it will enhance opportunities for grant applications. This re-organization will allow for more display space for tribal items and for various culturally related classroom spaces.

Plans are being discussed to reactive the Language Preservation program. To kick-start the language preservation initiative, the Executive Committee has recently passed a resolution declaring the Shawnee language as the official language of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma. The State of Oklahoma is attempting to declare English as the official language of this state, thus, it is in the Tribes best interest to set such a declaration of the Shawnee language into place.

A resolution passed directing pertinent entities of the Tribe to add traffic signs at the Tribal complex and at Tribal enterprises with both an English and Shawnee language version.

Detailed and advanced language initiatives will be incorporated into the five (5) and ten (10) year Strategic Plan. The Executive Committee realizes and supports that culture and language are both critical elements to our identity as a federally recognized self-governance Tribe and are making sincere effort to preserve both.

Division of Human Services

In assessing the services offered through various service-oriented programs such as Social Services, Domestic Violence, ICW and Promoting Safe & Stable Families, a Division of Human Services is to be created. Once Cultural Preservation is able to relocate to the old finance building, these service programs will be relocated to the first floor of building one to provide easier access to the handicapped and elders. Creating a Division of Human Services will streamline the services offered and insure that the clients served are getting the maximum service and information available. A referral form system is being created for this purpose. Clients will be referred in-house to AST departments and to agencies outside of the tribe that may assist where the Tribe cannot. If AST Programs are unable to help our applicants, the Tribe will do their best to re-direct you to another agency. Clients in need of training and employment guidance will be referred to the Division of Education and Employment so they can access the tools and support needed to become self-sufficient.

Division of Education & Employment

The WIA Program (Workforce Investment Act), located in the Social Service Department, will be transferred to the Division of Education and Employment (DEE). The Division of Education & Employment will consist of the Higher Education Program, the Adult Vocational Program, the Zahn Fund, the JOM program and the WIA program. In the future, once TERO (Tribal Employment Rights Office) is established, this too will be located in the DEE. By combining said programs

into one division it will allow the Tribe to focus on academic and vocational development of a tribal workforce. As the Tribe progresses in the areas of economic development and bringing other programs into the tribe, it is important that a database be created of educated and skilled workers to fill positions as they become available.

The Tribal workforce can be strengthened by developing a pipeline of education and employment activities that will include: 1) working with other departments and/or tribal enterprises to determine which types of jobs are available and which types of jobs are projected for the future; 2) focus on drop out prevention for our youth; 3) gear both youth and adults into higher education and vocational training programs that align with projected jobs within the AST tribe and prepare for jobs in demand according to labor market data; 4) guide graduates of such programs into the Workforce Investment Program where they can be placed in Work Experience activities or On the Job Training to compliment the education they have completed 5) provide newly employed individuals with support services needed to begin and maintain employment.

Community Outreach

As families face hardships Tribal service programs need to be more accessible and to meet this challenge both the Division of Human Services and Division of Education & Employment will conduct community outreach twice per month, the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, at the Little Axe Resource Center from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Information about these programs and applications will be provided during this time.

Secretary's office:

As a recap I would like to say that I saw a number of major accomplishments for this year:
Starting the VISA Card system for the Tribal Children's clothing program – this system replaced the check system that was problematic both for the parent and for the store.
By renovating the Tribal duplexes located on the AST campus the Office of Environmental Health offices were able to upgrade to a cleaner, safer work environment.
Major repairs were conducted on and at the Tribe's rental properties. This action increases their market value and sustainability.

The AST campus needed a facelift and maintenance gave it one by enhancing the beauty of the campus through landscaping and painting.

In order to promote efficiency and create opportunities a Car Pool process has been initiated that is assisting to offset budgetary distress.

Each department within the Tribe was tasked with making a 40% general fund budget cut and did so successfully.

I would like to take a moment and say thank my staff as without their dedication to the Tribe and its citizens these tasks couldn't have and wouldn't have been accomplished. I also extend a heartfelt thank you to the Executive Committee for working so well together these last few months and I appreciate the real experience of seeing how a team can work together instead of against each other for the good of the Tribe. I really have enjoyed working with the new elected officials.

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January Community Meeting

The Executive Committee will be having the first Community Meeting of 2009 on January 24 at the Little Axe Resource Center from 10:00a.m. -12:00 p.m. They would like to invite all interested Tribal members to attend.

The Executive Committee will be sharing the steps that will be taken in strategic planning for the tribe, the joint venture project, and give an update on Tribal programs/issues, as well as any other issues Tribal members wish to discuss. Please come, we need to hear from you. Thank you and see you there.

During the Holiday season, we lost some family members within the tribe.

To those families, we would like to send our deepest sympathies and let you know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of the loss of your loved one.

The Executive Committee Staff



New HR Director

The Executive Committee would like to introduce and welcome the new Human Resources Director Paula Green. Paula comes to the AST's from the Otoe Tribe at First Council Casino in Ponca City where she was the Assistant Manager of Human Resources. She has also previously worked as a Human Resources Specialist for the Sac & Fox Casino in Kansas. Paula has

a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a major in Human Resources from University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. She also has an Associates Degree in Accounting from Connors State College. Paula has stated, "My main goals are to reestablish the integrity and functionality of the HR Department, to provide assistance and guidance to all departments in all aspects of personnel issues, and to restore communication and rebuild working relationships between HR and all other departments." In her short time here, Paula has negotiated, along with Procurement, for new health insurance for tribal employees to provide not only better rates but adequate coverage. Paula and her HR Assistant, Natalie Ponkilla, are working to keep the Tribe in compliance with the State and Federal guidelines. She has thus far shown to be a dedicated and hard working HR Director. We are looking forward to positive changes in her department that will benefit not only the Tribal employees but Tribal members as well.



FY-2008
YTD TAX COLLECTIONS
(thru 12/31/2008)

TAX CATEGORY	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Sales (6%)	\$23,745.25	\$18,728.38	\$41,915.35	\$21,226.39	\$25,730.16	\$23,963.73	\$22,821.12	\$22,053.68
Gaming (6%)(23%)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$110,572.68	\$292,189.96	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$150,000.00
Employee (1%)	\$7,029.06	\$5,208.65	\$7,677.43	\$6,151.04	\$7,063.50	\$8,274.29	\$10,336.20	\$3,581.40
Severance (8%)	\$2,670.60	\$3,569.94	\$3,352.84	\$2,337.97	\$6,462.14	\$5,241.41	\$5,463.30	\$2,751.37
Motor Vehicle	\$11,071.74	\$16,142.93	\$11,119.19	\$11,571.27	\$11,661.40	\$12,482.41	\$11,893.11	\$10,894.42
TOTAL TAXES	\$44,516.65	\$43,649.90	\$174,637.49	\$333,476.63	\$200,917.20	\$199,961.84	\$250,513.73	\$189,280.87
Miscellaneous	\$340.00	\$225.00	\$267.00	\$147.00	\$280.77	\$164.50	\$300.50	\$141.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$44,856.65	\$43,874.90	\$174,904.49	\$333,623.63	\$201,197.97	\$200,126.34	\$250,814.23	\$189,421.87

TAX CATEGORY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	% OF COLLECTIONS
Sales (6%)	\$2,524.22	\$21,622.05	\$19,901.26	\$38,965.45	\$283,197.04	11.50%
Gaming (6%)(23%)	\$200,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$1,902,762.64	77.26%
Employee (1%)	\$8,432.11	\$4,020.88	\$7,733.88	\$9,306.70	\$84,815.14	3.44%
Severance (8%)	\$12,685.91	\$1,885.67	\$3,523.43	\$4,271.18	\$54,215.76	2.20%
Motor Vehicle	\$7,553.78	\$13,658.37	\$8,601.92	\$8,123.64	\$134,774.18	5.47%
TOTAL TAXES	\$231,196.02	\$241,186.97	\$139,760.49	\$410,666.97	\$2,459,764.76	
Miscellaneous	\$167.00	\$161.00	\$330.00	\$660.00	\$3,183.77	0.13%
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$231,363.02	\$241,347.97	\$140,090.49	\$411,326.97	\$2,462,948.53	100%

Community Meeting
January 24, 2009 • Little Axe Resource Center • 10:00 a.m.
Hope to see you there!

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2008
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

E-AS-2008-107

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY RE-APPOINTING DEBBIE ONZAHWAH TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF (2) YEARS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 4, 2008 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 3, 2010.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-107 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called special meeting held on December 4, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Abstain, Governor=s vote, if required, N/A.

E-AS-2008-108

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY RE-APPOINTING WYNONA COON TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF (3) YEARS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 4, 2008 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 3, 2011.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-108 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called special meeting held on December 4, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 2 in favor, 1 opposed, and 2 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: No, Secretary Lopez: Abstain, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Abstain, Governor=s vote, Yes.

E-AS-2008-109

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND INDEMNIFYING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, INC. AND THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS: TERI REED, JOHN JOHNSON, ERIC BLANCHARD, LINDSEY BAILEY, AND PAMELA WHINERY, WHO ARE ALL SERVING ON THE ASEDA, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PAUL MCINTIRE, FORMER CEO OF ASEDA, INC. AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES INCURRED DUE TO THE LEGAL ACTION PENDING AGAINST ASEDA, INC. AND/OR EACH OF THE INDIVIDUALS NAMED ABOVE IN CJ-2007-5227, CJ-2007-10706, AND ANY OTHER RELATED CASES FILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-109 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Ab-

sentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 4, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governors vote, if required, N/A.

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2008
EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS**

E-AS-2008-110

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA ESTABLISHING HOLIDAYS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009.

New Years Day	January 1 & 2, 2009
Martin Luther King Day	January 19, 2009
Presidents' Day	February 16, 2009
Good Friday	April 10, 2009
Memorial Day	May 25, 2009
Independence Day	July 3, 2009
Absentee Shawnee Day (Monday after the dance)	August 2009 (TBD)
Labor Day	September 7, 2009
Veterans Day	November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26 & 27, 2009
Christmas Holiday	December 24 & 25, 2009

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008 110 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

E-AS-2008-111

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY APPOINTING ROY LARNEY TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A TERM OF (2) YEARS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 2008 AND EXPIRING DECEMBER 16, 2010.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-111 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

E-AS-2008-112

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ACCEPTING KYEANNA ROCHELLE FIXICO AS AN ENROLLED MEMBER OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA.

NAME OF ENROLLEE DOB DEGREE OF BLOOD
Kyeanna Rochelle Fixico 06/29/2008 1/4

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-112 o be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

E-AS-2008-113

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA GRANTING CONDITIONAL RELINQUISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA TO CHARLIE RENEE MAHTAPENE.

ENROLLED NAME D.O.B. TO BE ENROLLED IN
Charlie Renee Mahtapene 03/06/1988 Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-113 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

E-AS-2008-114

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY DECLARING SHAWNEE AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THIS TRIBE.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-114 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

E-AS-2008-115

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA HEREBY AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PERTINENT ENTITIES TO ADD COMMUNITY STREET SIGNS REFLECTING THE SHAWNEE LANGUAGE WITH ACCURATE TRANSLATION

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-115 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 2008

EXECUTIVE RESOLUTIONS

E-AS-2008-116

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING (a) THE FORMATION OF A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF THE TRIBE, ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY, INC., A CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE CORPORATION ACT OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA CODE OF LAWS; AND (b) APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF THOSE ASSETS CURRENTLY HELD BY THE TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS THAT IS CURRENTLY OPERATED AT THE TRIBE TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY, INC. WHICH SHALL BE CONSIDERED THE CAPITAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE TRIBE AND 500 SHARES OF STOCK AT PAR VALUE \$1.00 WILL BE ISSUED TO THE TRIBE.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. E-AS-2008-116 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller's vote, if required, N/A.

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 4, 2008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

L-AS-2008-46

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ENACTING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA DRAM SHOP LIABILITY STATUTE AS CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CODE OF LAWS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND APPLYING RETROACTIVELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-46 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 4, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-47

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION OF SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-ONE CENTS (\$6,771.31) FROM THE TRIBE'S GENERAL FUND TO THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ELECTION COMMISSION BUDGET FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2008.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-47 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 4, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 3 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: No, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
REGULAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

DECEMBER 17, 2008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

L-AS-2008-48

A RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE-MILLION SEVEN-HUNDRED-THIRTY-SEVEN-THOUSAND ONE-HUNDRED-THIRTY-NINE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$3,737,139.00) AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED BUDGET DOCUMENT, "EXHIBIT A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-48 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-49

A RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INDIRECT COST (IDC) BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO-MILLION TWO-HUNDRED THIRTY-THOUSAND TWO-HUNDRED-EIGHTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$2,230,285.00) AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED BUDGET DOCUMENT, "EXHIBIT A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-49 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 17, 2008, there being a quorum present, by vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes, Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor's vote, if required, N/A.

**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

DECEMBER 22, 2008

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

L-AS-2008-50

A RESOLUTION DULY PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA RESCINDING LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION L-AS-2008-46, APPROVED ON DECEMBER 4, 2008, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-50 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-51

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING AND ENACTING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA DRAM SHOP LIABILITY STATUTE AS CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE (25) OF THE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE CODE OF LAWS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND APPLYING RETROACTIVELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-51 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-52

A RESOLUTION DULY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING THE INCURRENCE OF INDEBTEDNESS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$26,000,000.00 (THE "LOAN"); PROVIDING THE PURPOSE OF THE LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A COMMITMENT FOR THE LOAN; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND NEGOTIATION OF LENDING DOCUMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR COMPLETION OF THE LOAN; AUTHORIZING THE LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA IN CONNECTION WITH THE LOAN; CONTAINING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING THERETO.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-52 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-53

A RESOLUTION DULY APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE-SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND AMENDING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA LICENSING AND TAX CODE, CHAPTER FIVE, AS ATTACHED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-53 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Abstain, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-54

A RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-MILLION SEVEN-HUNDRED-FIFTY-EIGHT-THOUSAND SEVEN-HUNDRED-SEVENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,758,778.00) AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED BUDGET DOCUMENT, "EXHIBIT A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-54 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-55

A RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES (IHS) BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN-MILLION FOUR-HUNDRED-SIXTY-NINE-THOUSAND SEVEN-HUNDRED-SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$7,469,764.00) AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED BUDGET DOCUMENT, "EXHIBIT A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-55 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

L-AS-2008-56

A RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SHAWNEE CLINIC BUDGET FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE-MILLION FOUR-HUNDRED-SIXTY-FIVE-THOUSAND NINE-HUNDRED-NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,465,998.00) AS REFLECTED IN THE ATTACHED BUDGET DOCUMENT, "EXHIBIT A", EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

CERTIFICATION

We, Scott Miller, Governor and Michelle Lopez, Secretary of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that this Resolution No. L-AS-2008-56 to be a true and exact copy as approved by the Executive Committee of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma at a duly called meeting held on December 22, 2008, there being a quorum present, by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions, as follows: Lt. Governor Little Axe: Yes, Secretary Lopez: Yes, Treasurer Chisholm: Yes Representative Onzahwah: Yes, Governor Miller=s vote, if required, N/A.

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ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
Current Job Openings:

Current Open Positions

<http://www.astribe.com/Employment.html>
(Job descriptions will be available online)

- ASEDA - Chief Executive Officer
- Gaming Commission - Internal Auditor
- Supreme Court Tribal Judge
- Patrol Officer - AST Tribal Police Dept
- Building Blocks Daycare Director
- Master Teacher – Building Blocks (Daycare)
- Building Blocks Daycare Cook
- Contract Health Maintenance/Housekeeping (Health Program)
- Counselor/Therapist (Behavioral Health)
- Coordinator Tribal Youth Program (Family Services)
- ICW Director (Indian Child Welfare)
- Automotive Mechanic I - Maintenance
- Realty Specialist
- IT Analyst- MIS

School Clothing Allowance Program - UPDATE

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Enrolled Tribal Members who are attending a Certified School (Day Care thru 12th Grade) are eligible to make an application for assistance.

DAY CARE THRU PRE-K CHILDREN: Enrolled Tribal Members who are attending a CERTIFIED Day Care Facility (including any Tribal facilities) are eligible to make an application for clothing allowance. A copy of the school license must be attached to the application.

EARLY HEAD START/HEAD START CHILDREN: Enrolled tribal members who are attending a CERTIFIED Early Head Start Program are eligible to make an application for clothing allowance. A copy of the school license must be attached to the application.

KINDERGARTEN THRU 12TH GRADE CHILDREN: Enrolled tribal members who are attending a Certified School are eligible to make an application for assistance. The application must be either stamped or a school seal applied and signed by a school official.

SCHOOL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE PROGRAM
Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Administrative Guidelines

EFFECTIVE DATE: JANUARY 1, 2009

Revised October 15, 2008
By Resolution E-AS-2008- 95

CONTAINED HEREIN ARE THE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES UTILIZED IN ADMINISTERING THE ABSENTEE SHAWNEE SCHOOL CLOTHING ALLOWANCE PROGRAM FOR ENROLLED TRIBAL CHILDREN FROM AGE 0 THROUGH 12TH GRADE. THIS CLOTHING ALLOWANCE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE CLOTHING ASSISTANCE TO ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBERS IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

\$100.00 FOR AGE 0 THROUGH PRE-KINDERGARTEN; AND

\$250.00 FOR KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE

EACH CALENDAR YEAR (JANUARY 1ST THRU DECEMBER 31ST).

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA
School Clothing Allowance Program
Administrative Guidelines
Revised: October 15, 2008
By Resolution No. E-AS-2008-95

1. Applications for the school year will be available January through December. These applications can be obtained at the Absentee Secretary's Office or on the Tribe's Website: www.astribe.com.
2. A School Clothing Allowance Program application (attached hereto) must be properly completed, signed and submitted to the Tribal Secretary's Office by the parent/guardian of the enrolled Tribal Member.
3. The application must first be completed by the parent/guardian. The application must be taken to the school the child is attending to obtain a valid signature of a school official. Authorized signatures that are acceptable are: SCHOOL COUNSELOR, PRINCIPAL, OR SCHOOL SECRETARY. The school official's signature must also include their job title and MUST HAVE A STAMP OR SEAL. Applications that are turned in without a stamp or seal and a copy of their CDIB card will be put in pending status until all requirements are met.
4. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the applicant to present the copy of a CDIB card when submitting the clothing application.
5. Once the application is approved, you will be issued a Visa Card in the amount that has been approved for the Tribal Member. The receipts are to be turned in as soon as possible in order for the Tribal Member to be eligible for the following year, if applicable.
6. The Visa Card is to be used only to purchase clothing and shoes at any merchant that accepts Visa.
7. There will not be cash refunds on any item purchased. The funds must be placed back on the card.
8. A fee for a replacement card will be five dollars (\$5.00) and this will be deducted from your clothing allowance on the first replacement. Any replacements after the first one will be a charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) by Money Order or Cashier's Check.

9. If misuse of credit card is reported to the Tribe from banking institute first offense will result in deduction from the following year's clothing allowance. Thereafter misuse reported from banking institute will result in becoming ineligible for the following year.
10. The Visa card is good for five (5) years.
11. Students in 12th grade will only receive one (1) clothing allowance during their senior year.
12. Students graduating 12th grade will have until September 1st of the graduating year to use the clothing amount before it is cancelled. Any amount on card will be returned to the Clothing Program.

These amended School Clothing Allowance Program Administrative Guidelines supersede any and all Children's School Clothing Allowance Program Administrative Guidelines which were previously in effect.

Constitution Revision Committee Update

The Constitution Revision Committee met on December 13, 2008. We discussed leaving Article III- Membership the same. The Revision Committee felt that most of the issues regarding Membership should be addressed in the Membership Ordinance and the Constitution is general enough to allow changes to take place as needed. Members of the Revision Committee feel that the Legislation should take care of the reduction of blood quantum once the new Constitution is in place. The Revision Committee discussed Article IV- Tribal Government and we all agreed that the three branch government was a change our tribe needed. The Revision Committee began laying out the framework for the three branch government with the Executive Branch, Legislative Branch and the Judicial Branch. The Legislative Branch will be separate from the Executive Branch, this will require that the Tribe be organized into different districts so that there will be equal representation for all Tribal members. The Revision Committee is currently looking into how many districts are needed and how the district lines will be drawn. We are also looking into the idea of representation in the Legislature for Tribal members who live outside of the jurisdiction as well. The Revision Committee would like to hear some of your ideas or thoughts about these changes and encourage interested Tribal members to attend the meetings.

Also, if you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to give your input or have questions you may contact Briana Ponkilla, at bponkilla@astribe.com or (405)275-4030 x 131.

George Blanchard for Governor



Hello fellow tribal members: At this time, I hope everyone is aware of my intention to run for the seat of Governor of our tribe.

It is, and will be, my goal if elected, to aggressively address the following issues.

1. Aid to the Elders of our tribe. Too many programs have been put on the back burner concerning aid to the elderly, and these issues must be aggressively pursued.
2. Better programs for the children of the tribe. I, like all of you, am aware of the Economic challenges facing all who have young children to take care of. I hope to establish, or reimplement some of the programs needed to assist these families.
3. Cultural Preservation. As we all know, the preservation of our culture and traditions are vital to our survival as a Native American Sovereign Nation. Our elderly, and our children ARE our culture, and our legacy, and MUST be preserved.

If you find me worthy of your vote, I will do my best to make decisions based on the good of ALL persons, and not just a few persons.

As most of you know, I have devoted the majority of my life to the preservation, practice, and teaching our children of our cultures and traditions. If elected as your Governor, I will most certainly continue with these principles, and will make every effort to help each and every one in the Absentee Shawnee Tribe do the same.

I welcome, and am looking forward to answering any and all questions you may have regarding issues that you feel need to be addressed during this election. After all, it is YOU that I will be serving if elected to Governor of Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Respectfully, George Blanchard

**Job Postings for
the Absentee Shawnee Tribe are
posted on our website weekly.
Applications and other forms also
available online.
Check it out!
www.astribe.com**

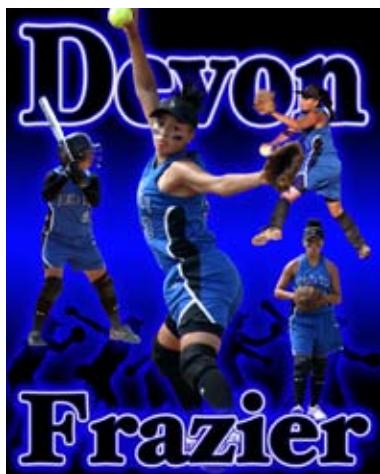
Happy Birthday To All Tribal Members Born in January

Happy Birthday
Jaycie Melton
We love you!

Jalon, Davin, Baby J and Maecie

Happy Birthday
Aunt Eva and Desmond Frazier
From the other Fraziers

Happy Birthday
Grandpa Dave Johnson
Love You!
From the Frazier Girls



Happy Birthday
To Devon Frazier
A.K.A - "Betty Manshoulders"
We Love You Lots!
Mommy, Dad, Andee "da-pudge" and
Kendall "Ninnie Woo-Woo"

Happy Birthday Jan 26th!
We Love you son,
Elijah foreman
Love Mom, Dad, Siah,
Aunts, Uncles & Grandparents



Happy Birthday
Chels
January 18th
Love Mom and Dad



Makiah Lynn
Happy 4th Birthday
Love Mom, Dad and Bubba

Happy Birthday
Ralph

Happy Birthday
Grandma Reed
You're the coolest! Love Flo & Chels
Hugs and Kisses!
From the Frazier Girls

Happy 4th Birthday
Makiah Tilley
You are growing up
so fast.
Love Marvin & Sherry

Happy 17th Birthday
Mya Mahsetky
Smooch, smooch
from The Fraziers

Mary Foreman #1 mom
We love you!
Elijah and Siah

Many Happy Birthday wishes
to Tre and Laney Miller
from the Frazier Girls

To my Sweetheart
with love.
Happy Birthday Mary
Love Sid

Happy Birthday to you!
Yetti - Jan 8th
Love, Dad, Flo & Chels

Happy Birthday
Aunt Queet
January 25th
Love Marvin & Sherry

Mary Foreman
We wish you a Happy Birthday
Love Chelle, Rhonda, Serena,
Nikki, Zelda & Families

Happy Birthday
Clay Foreman
From Marvin & Sherry

Editor's Note: Because of Privacy Issues and Potential Identity Theft, we can no longer print a list of Birthdays each month.

And more... Happy Birthdays

Happy Birthday
Pa Pa

Love Tomas and Lacy
Happy Birthday
Wynona
From all of your family!

Happy Birthday
Makiah Lynn

You are such a wonderful grandbaby and I love you so
much baby girl!

Love Mam-mah Sharon and Uncle Ko-ko Coltin

Happy Birthday
Clay Foreman

Love Aunt Chelle, G-Aunt Rhonda and
families

Look who's 43
Danny Watson
Jan 9th

Happy Birthday
Love Mom, Zelda,
Foremans & Kasecas

Happy Birthday Dad!
Love Michelle

Happy Birthday
Aunt Elsie! Grandma Zueet
Love Sharon and Coltin



Happy Birthday
Makiah Lynn

From your Gogooch, PaPa Gary, Garrett
and Paige

Happy Birthday
Courtney Little Axe
From Chels

Happy Birthday
Brandy Nicole
Jan 30th
Love the Lewis Family

Happy Birthday
Chunnie
January 19th
Love
Mom

Happy 40th Birthday
Pat Johnson
Have a goot one!
Marvin & Sherry

Happy Birthday Son
Clayton Foreman
January 2nd
Love Mom, Dad, Chubs and Skye

Happy Birthday Chelsey
From Sharon & Coltin

Happy Anniversary
35 years together
January 12th
Roy & Rhonda Kaseca

Congratulations, best wishes and
may you be blessed with many
more to come.

CONGRATULATIONS
PFC JASON MICHAEL LEWIS
ON GRADUATING FROM THE
RECRUIT TRAINING
AT CAMP PENDLETON,
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
UNITED STATES MARINE CORP

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

LOVE YOUR FAMILY,
MOM, CHARLES, MARIAH AND QUINTON

2008 ASTChildren's Christmas Party

The annual Children's Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 21st at Tecumseh Square Center. Many families attended and the children were given gift cards for Wal-Mart. Door prizes were also given as well, with a variety of toys for the winners to choose from.

Santa was the special guest and was very busy as he took many photos with all the children.

Governor Scott Miller, Secretary Michelle Lopez, Treasurer Anita Chisholm and Representative Alecia Onzahwah were also our special guest and the host of another successful Christmas party for all the families who attended.

Hope you all enjoyed it and that you all enjoyed the holidays!



Title VI Staff gave hams to elders for Christmas

The Title VI staff were driving around like little elves during Christmas passing out hams to the elders. They were able to deliver hams to the home-bound participants as well as the elders who visit the congregate sites.

Your great work and effort was greatly appreciated by all. Thank you Title VI staff for your gift.

Title VI Program

Just a reminder...
We will be closed on February 16th
for President's Day.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I CAN BE
REACHED AT 405-275-4030 EXT. 169
THANK YOU YVETTE MOORE.



Photos provided by Title VI

Shown top l to r; Title VI staff, Joyce White and Ronald Bradley

Shown top l to r: Title VI staff, Joyce White and Ronald Bradley
Shown bottom l to r: Title VI staff, Catherine Masquat and Leroy Ellis.



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January 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOT GOING TO BE HOME CALL & LET US KNOW AT 405-275-4030 X 169 OR NOTIFY YOUR DRIVER				New Years Day AST Closed	AST Closed	
4 Chicken Noodle Soup Carrots/Celery Cracker Mandarin Oranges	5 Stew Cornbread Chez Sticks Okra Blackberry Cobbler	6 Tamales Mexi-Corn Refried Beans Salad Bar Cinnamon Roll	7 Chili Dog w/ fixings Perk n Beans Chips Peanut Butter Cookie	8 Waffles Bacon Juice	9	10
11 Hamburger Lett. & Tom. Pot. Salad Pears	12 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pot./Gravy Squash Roll Pudding	13 Burrito Spanish Rice Chips & Salsa Fruit Cocktail	14 Roast Beef w/swiss Sandwich Lett & Tom. Oatmeal Cookie	15 English Muffin Ham, Egg & Chez Juice	16	17
18 AST Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19 Ham Blackeye Peas Mac & Chez Bread Pineapples	20 Northern Beans w/ham Cornbread Spinach Applecrisp	21 Cold Cut Sandwich Lett. & Tom. Chips Jell-O	22 Biscuit & Gravy Bacon Juice	23	24
25 Steak Fingers Mashed Pot./Gravy Greenbeans Roll Peaches	26 Chili Carrots Chez Sticks Carrot Cake	27 Pork Chop Mashed Pot./Gravy Peas Roll Applesauce	28 Turkey Sandwich Lett. & Tom. Tater Tots Coconut	29 Cereal Biscuits & Gravy	30	31

In the January newsletter, there was a misprint on the Absentee Ballot Request application. Those applications will be processed by the Election Committee for those of you that may have sent in your application for a ballot.

The following Absentee Ballot request form is for the Primary Election to be held in 2009.

PLEASE fill out EACH BLANK completely and return by the Deadline.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST

I, _____, hereby certify that I am or will be an Eligible Voter of
(Print Name)
the Absentee Shawnee Tribe on or before March 21, 2009. I cannot physically be present to cast
my Vote at the **March 21, 2009 Primary Election**, therefore, I am requesting an Absentee Ballot
be mailed to me at the following address.

Name (please print): _____
(First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Last)

Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

CDIB#: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

All **REQUEST** must be returned as soon as possible
or by March 1, 2009

Return this Form to:

Absentee Shawnee Election Commission
P.O. Box 741
Tecumseh, OK 74873

All eligible voters are entitled to vote, either at the Polls or by Absentee Ballot.

For your convenience - This request may be duplicated

ELECTION COMMISSION USE ONLY

Received: _____ Approved: _____ Dissapproved: _____

If Disapproved (reason): _____

Denial Letter Mailed: _____ Ballot Mailed: _____

Election Commission/Representative



AST Brownfields Job Training Program FREE ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING CLASSES START SOON MID JANUARY '09

We provide free DOL accredited training for Asbestos and certifications in HAZWOPER, Confined Space and many other areas.

Companies are calling us and asking do we have any students who need a job and we have very few names to give them because 91% of our graduates are already working.

Average pay is \$13 an hour.

Call us today and enroll. Its all free, your only commitment is to show and learn!!!

Classes will be held in different locations throughout the year.

Call OEP Today at 405-273-9966

Applications can be picked up at OEP Offices on the corner of Benson Park Road and Highway 177 on the North Side of Tecumseh – the "Old Lillard Pipe Supply".

We can also fax or email them to you.

Program is Native American Preference but Open to All

**FREE!!
WE ARE STILL
TAKING APPLICATIONS!
NEXT CLASS STARTS
JANUARY 20TH.
THE CLASS WILL BE FROM
JANUARY 26TH THROUGH
FEBRUARY 13TH**



**The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma in conjunction with
The Multijurisdictional Counterdrug Task Force Training present:**

**8 Hours of OK C.L.E.E.T Training
FREE TUITION
FEBRUARY 3RD, 2009**

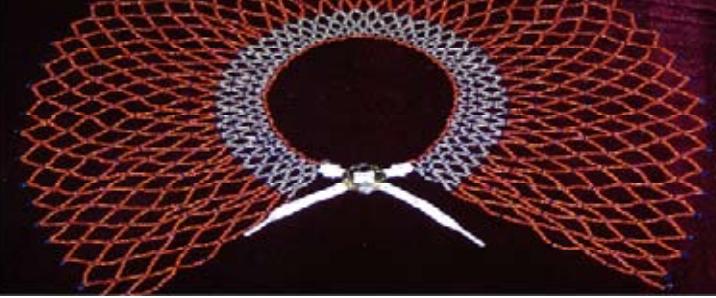
The Street Gang Subculture: Awareness, Recognition, Response

- The Gangster Mentality
- Defining the street gang issue.
- The myths and truths about the street gang subculture
- The gang value system.
- Contributing factors to gang involvement
- Motivators for gang behavior
- Gang recruiting techniques
- The consequences of gang behavior
- Current gang trends.
- National major gang structures
- Regional gang structures
- National Native American street gang and prison gang trends
- Gang Identification
- Effective intervention strategies for parents, educators and law enforcement

**Location: Absentee Shawnee Tribe - Thunderbird Casino Event Center
15700 E. Hwy 9, Norman OK 73026**

**Register by calling the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police at
405-275-3200 during business hours 08:00 - 17:00 CST**

Beaded Collar Demonstration Class



Location: Little Axe Resource Center
Date: January 31, 2009
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Class will be limited to 10 participants.

Please note: All participants will be responsible for bringing their own supplies and lunch.

Any questions or for a list of supplies, please call (405) 275-4030 extension 124 or 204.

Sponsored by Cultural Preservation Department

Foster Parents Needed!!!

Can you open your home and heart for a foster child.? Foster parents provide a temporary, safe home for children in crisis. Foster parents are partners with child welfare workers, lawyers and judges. It is not for everyone but if you have it in your heart - we need you.

- Can you love and care for a child who comes from a difficult background?
- Can you help a child develop a sense of belonging?
- Are you secure in yourself & your parenting skills?
- Can you maintain a positive attitude toward a child's parents?
- **Can you love with all your heart & then let go?**

Many children need a loving home and a family to help them through a very tough time. Please think about it and talk with your family before you become a foster home. They all need safe, supportive environments!

If you find yourself and your family interested in Foster Care, please contact
Melissa Lopez
405-275-4030 ext. 166.



WANT FREE TAX SERVICE?

FREE E-FILING?

Of course you do. Volunteer attorneys, staff and law students will be available at the following times and places to professionally prepare your federal and state tax returns and e-file them, all at no cost to you.

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex
Building 3 (Treasurer's Offices)
9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 2009	Monday, March 2, 2009
Monday, January 26, 2009	Monday, March 9, 2009
Monday, February 2, 2009	Monday, March 16, 2009
Monday, February 9, 2009	Monday, March 23, 2009
Monday, February 23, 2009	Monday, March 30, 2009

Just bring to the site all your tax documents: W-2's, 1099's, childcare provider information, driver's license(s)/photo id(s), social security cards (copies are acceptable), and any other documents you think may be necessary to prepare your taxes. Copies of your 2008 tax returns would be helpful, but not required. If you want refunds deposited in your checking or savings accounts, we need the bank routing and account numbers.

*Sponsored by: Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc.*



Parenting Class Beginning February 11, 2009

Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive
Shawnee, OK 74801
Basement of Building #3

Every Wednesday evening
For 10 weeks
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Baby sitting provided * Snacks provided

Call Jackie Denny at (405)275-4030 ext. 195
For more information

Classes are free to AST enrolled members and parents of AST enrolled members.

\$50.00 for non-AST enrolled members
(Payment arrangement can be made)



Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Reserve Academy

Police Reserve Academy started on January 6, 2009 at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Complex. Students will meet every Tuesday night and Thursday night and Saturday for school and training. They should be finished at the end of April of 2009. We have three Absentee Shawnee Citizens that are enrolled in the class: Joshua Gibson, Jeromi Sloat and Edwina Butler-Wolfe. There are four more students enrolled through the tribe and they are Michael Cyrwus, Jacob Keyes, Iowa Tribe, Chris Ernst, Robert Wolf, Sac and Fox Nation. Students have been meeting since August of 2008 once a week going over The Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Police Department Standard Operations and Procedures Manual.

The overall count for the Academy is 20 students we have students from the Pottawatomie County Sheriff Office, LightHorsemen from Seminole, Henryetta County, Tecumseh Police Department, Seminole County.



From l to r; Assistant Chief David Haskins, Detective Anthony Johnson and Officer Al Wysocki

On January 8, Assistant Chief David Haskins presented two members of our AST Police Department with awards for their leadership, their high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition.

Haskins presented Detective Anthony Johnson with the Police Commendation award. Haskins stated that he has known Detective Johnson for approximately eight years and in addition to his professionalism, he has proven his leadership ability by working with fellow peace officer's to ensure every aspect of our profession is handled to the letter of the law by taking over any given situation our badge is requested to endure.

Al Wysocki was awarded the Distinguished Service award by Assistant Chief Haskins. Haskins also stated that he has known Wysocki for approximately five years and he too has displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition. Wysocki is definitely a leader and has stepped up by coordinating multiple continuing education courses for the police Officers of the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department as well as for over 700 Law Enforcement Officers throughout the state of Oklahoma and several surrounding states.

Detective Johnson and Mr. Wysocki have earned these awards for their dedication to public safety, to the Absentee Shawnee Tribe and the Absentee Shawnee Tribal members.



FYI from the AST Police Department

The Federal Bureau of Investigation in Oklahoma along with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Oklahoma have put in place a toll-free telephone number that provides a one step method of reporting major crimes that occur on any of the tribal land in Oklahoma.

To provide one place to report major crimes which have occurred on tribal land, a toll-free number, (877) 658-7423, has been established. This telephone number will be answered 24 hours per day by employees of the Oklahoma City Division of the FBI. To help alleviate confusion, callers can contact 1-877-OK-TRIBE in instances of serious crimes and be confident the matter will be referred to the proper authority. Calls will be documented on a questionnaire and the matter will then be referred to the appropriate agencies with a record of the complaint and referral being maintained.

The FBI also stated that this initiative is not intended to replace or circumvent direct calls to tribal and local law enforcement, nor is it a substitute for the emergency 911 system.

If anyone has any question concerning the toll-free number established by the FBI and BIA please contact me at the Absentee Shawnee Tribal Police Department.

Sincerely
Bradley Jackson Acting Chief of Police

- Report Dangerous Drug Usage; Sales or Manufacturing on Tribal Trust Lands and Surrounding Areas.
- Report Suspicious or Criminal Activity.
- Toll Free and Completely Anonymous.

Please Call: 1-877-273-1249

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Veterans Association

On the evening of December 10th, approximately 40 members and guests, of the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Veterans Association gathered at the Tribe's Title 6 Building to celebrate yet another eventful year. The dinner held that evening was the association's 3rd annual Christmas Dinner. The forty in attendance ranks second only to the group's first dinner which attracted 53 people and was held at Thunderbird casino. Among those in attendance were tribal dignitaries Governor Scott Miller, Representative Alecia Onzahwah and State Representative Shane Jett.

The Special Speaker was State Representative Shane Jett who will be joining the Naval Reserves while continuing to serve in the State House. Representative Jett was presented with a certificate recognizing him as an honorary member of the AST Veterans Association.

New officers were chosen, by the Veterans Association Membership, and sworn in by Governor Miller. Those officers are as follows: Commander – Frank Tiger, Executive Officer – David Voyles and Operations Officer – Esteline Schulenberg.

Photos by Michael Berry



*Tribal Elders
Organization Meeting*

*Saturday
February 21, 2009
10:00 a.m.*

*Tecumseh Square Center
All Tribal Elders Welcome*

**VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION
MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Location - Title VI Bldg**

**John Vanderburg, Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs
Located in Bldg 2
(405) 275-4030 ext. 205**

Absentee Shawnee tribal members can eat the Monday dinner buffet for 1/2 price when they show their CDIB card.

JANUARY 2009

ATS Promotion day is last Friday of the month and tribal member show their CDIB card at the player's club desk pay \$10 and get \$20 in slot play.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 2008

28 Hot Seat Drawings 3pm-8pm \$2,500 CASH GIVEAWAY	29 Seniors Night Hot Seat Drawings 6pm-10pm \$5,000 CASH GIVEAWAY	30 Ladies Night Hot Seat Drawings 6pm-10pm \$7,500 CASH GIVEAWAY	31 Men's Night THUNDER IN THE NEW YEAR @ OPB 24 HRS	1 Seniors Day Hot Seat Drawings 10am-3pm \$10,000 CASH GIVEAWAY	2 Give us \$10, you get \$20 in Slot Play Hot Seat Drawings 7pm-11pm	3 Give us \$10, you get \$20 in Slot Play Hot Seat Drawings 3pm-12am
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Management has the right to change or cancel any promotion.

Now hiring for following positions:

Grill Cashiers Cage Cashiers Drop



Grill Cooks Security IT Manager

Must be energetic, customer oriented, dependable

**Please apply with Human Resources
at Thunderbird Casino
15700 E Hwy 9
Norman, OK 73026
405-360-0270**

405-388-9270
We are located 17 miles East of Norman on Hwy 9

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Grocery & SmokeShop

Open EVERYDAY!

- Ice Cold Drinks
- Gasoline
- Fishing/Camping/Boating Supplies
- Cigarettes/Cigars
- Fast Food
- Ice Cold Beer
- Chewing Tobacco

(405) 364-0668

**15730 E State Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma
Next to Thunderbird Casino**

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU



Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Little Axe Clinic • Dental Arts Clinic
15702 E. Hwy 9
Norman, Oklahoma 73026
Phone: (405) 447-0300 Fax: (405) 447-2250

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

* Clinic and Pharmacy will be closed the 3rd Wednesday of each month
from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
AN ABSENTEE SHAWNEE ENTERPRISE
4000 N. KICKAPOO
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA 74804
(405) 878-0633

Accepting children between 6 weeks to 12 years of age.
DHS Licensed • 2 Star Facility

The A.S.T. Child Care Subsidy program is now serving ALL Native American families who qualify within the C.C.R.F. guidelines with the Child Care Certificate program. If you know families in need of assistance, please refer them to us. If you are unsure if you qualify, please call me at (405)878-0633. I look forward to helping families receive quality care for their children!

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE HOUSING AUTHORITY
107 N. KIMBERLY ~ SHAWNEE, OK 74801
405.273.1050 ~ FAX 405.275.0678



Available Housing Programs:

- Mutual Help/Homeownership
- Low Rent
- Homeowner/Homebuyer Maintenance Program
- Down Payment Assistance

Call or come by the Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority offices for an application or more information about our current programs.

Priority is given to Absentee Shawnee Tribal members.

Shawnee Clinic

2029 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.

Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

Phone: (405) 878-5850 Fax: (405) 214-4227

Clinic Operating Hours

Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Weekends/Federal Holidays Closed

Medical and Behavioral Health Services available to all AST tribal members, SoonerCare (Medicaid) recipients and AST tribal employees.

PHARMACY NEWS

ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBAL PHARMACY
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Pharmacy (Shawnee Location) can fill prescriptions for enrolled tribal citizens only.

The Absentee Shawnee Tribal Clinic Pharmacy in Little Axe can fill prescriptions for tribal citizens written by Physicians not located a Tribal Clinic under the following circumstances:

1. The prescription is for an Absentee Shawnee Tribal citizen who has an established chart at the Little Axe Clinic.
2. The prescription is on the formulary of approved medications and stocked in the pharmacy.

The following are a few tips to help us deliver pharmacy services to you more efficiently;

- ✓ Present insurance cards each time you pick up or drop off a prescription.
- ✓ Keep us informed of all changes in address, phone number and other contact information.
- ✓ Let the Pharmacy staff know if the prescription is going to be picked up or needs to be delivered.
- ✓ If you have any questions concerning your prescription please feel free to call and talk to our Pharmacist. They are here to assist you with your pharmaceutical needs.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Healthy Heart Program



- Native American
- 18 or older
- Diagnosed with Type II Diabetes
- Interested in reducing risk of heart disease

Join our team, enroll now!!
(405) 360-0698
rsunray@astribe.com

Don't let high fuel cost keep your family cold this winter.

Let us help...



Now taking applications for L.I.H.E.A.P.- HEATING cost.

**Department of Social Services
(405) 878-4723 or (405) 275-1468**

LIHEAP Eligibility Allows Food Stamp Increase in Several States

While a \$1 LHIEAP benefit may seem meaningless, it is a common practice in several states because it can mean increased Food Stamp benefits for low-income families. Under Food Stamp regulations, receipt of a LIHEAP benefit, regardless of the amount, enables Food Stamp recipients to maximize their Standard Utility Allowance (SUA). Using the highest allowable SUA in the Food Stamp benefit calculation may make otherwise ineligible applicants for Food Stamps eligible and may significantly increase Food Stamp benefits for many households.

To find out if you eligible to receive Food Stamps or to increase your Food Stamp benefits call AST Social Services at (405) 275-4030 to obtain your local Department of Human Services (DHS) office number.

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering

• **Tribal Housing Improvements Application**

The Tribal Housing Improvement Program's goal is providing sanitary, safe, and decent housing for its members by utilizing the following criteria to select the most "in need" tribal members with homes that are in disrepair but are still suitable for rehabilitation. All applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and criteria which is approved by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

THIP list all applicants by a priority list:

- a. Handicapped/Disabled and Elderly
- b. Income
- c. Family Size/Overcrowded Living Conditions
- d. Condition of Home

Other Programs available:

- **Sanitation Facilities Assistance Program**
- **Pest Control Program**

Applications need to be completed and all necessary documents attached before the application will be processed.

Applications are available online on the website: www.astribe.com.
Submit completed application to:

Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Dr.
Shawnee, Ok 74801

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Complex
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering, Building 13
If you have any questions, you can reach us by phone at (405) 275-4030

Education Department

The following are current programs administered by the Absentee Shawnee Tribe Education Department:

- ◆ [Academic \(K-12\) Program](#): assists with academic related expenses, and a portion of funds can be used for school-related athletic program expenses.
- ◆ [Zahn Program](#): established from a trust fund, program can help with some graduation expenses, and awards two (2) incentives: one for GED recipients and one for High School graduates.
- ◆ [Job Training Adult Education Program](#): funds for vocational training at accredited vocational institutions.
- ◆ [Higher Education: Education Incentive Award Program](#): funds for undergraduate degrees, one associates or bachelors degree, at any accredited college or university.
- ◆ [Graduate Scholarship Program](#): funds for one master's degree or one doctoral degree, and can fund for one graduate admissions test.

**For more information, please call Tresha Spoon at (405) 275-4030 ext. 121 or 1-800-256-3341
or email to tresham@astribe.com**

2009 TRIBAL PHONE NUMBERS

Tribal Complex	(405) 275-4030
or	1-800 256-3341
OEP	(405) 273-9966
Building Blocks	(405) 878-0633
Health Programs	(405) 878-4702
or	1-877-878-4702
Little Axe Clinic	(405) 447-0300
Shawnee Clinic	(405) 878-5850
Shawnee Pharmacy	(405) 878-5859
LA Resource Center	(405) 364-7298
or	(405) 364-7569
LA Cultural Center	(405) 447-3372
AST Police	(405) 275-3200
or	(405) 275-3432
AS Housing Authority	(405) 273-1050
Thunderbird Casino	(405) 360-9270
Or	1-800-259-LUCK
AST Media Dept	(405) 598-1279
	Fax (405) 598-1294

The deadline for the February newsletter is January 28th.

Please submit your articles by the deadline.

You may email them to mediadept@windstream.net or fax them to 405-598-1294. The Media department has been having various problems with the server and internet service in Tecumseh.

Absentee Shawnee Tribe Community Outreach

When: The 1st and 3rd Friday of each month

Where: Little Axe Resource Center

Time: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

There will be a Social Service Representative there to take applications for LIHEAP, General Assistance, Tribal Energy Assistance.

We will also have Domestic Violence, Brownsfield Job Training Program Applications and Absentee Shawnee Housing Authority applications and Clothing Allowance Forms.

For any questions, please feel free to call our office at 405-275-4030 extension 142.

Forms and applications can be downloaded off of our website.

www.astribe.com

**The Offices of the
Absentee Shawnee Tribe • Little Axe Resource Center • Little Axe Clinic • AST Housing Authority • Shawnee Pharmacy
WILL BE closed on February 16th for President's Day**



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